

PRESIDENT: The Legislature will come to order. We will have prayer by Chaplain Palmer.

CHAPLAIN: Prayer

PRESIDENT: Roll call.

CLERK: Quorum present Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Are there corrections for the Journal?

CLERK: Read corrections

PRESIDENT: Are there corrections from the floor? If not then the Journal will stand as corrected. The Chair recognizes Speaker Proud.

SPEAKER PROUD: Mr. President, point a personal privilege.

President; State your point Senator.

SENATOR PROUD: I think that at this time, and I personally see no point in discussing this all morning but there may be some Senators that may want to make some comments and shall feel perfectly well to do so, but I think that it is my duty to report to the Legislature, as Speaker, what has happened since yesterday regarding our motion to go to Washington. I have been in contact personally with our Congressional delegation or with their administrative assistants with all of them, and Congressman Martin just called me this morning and that wasn't an exceptionally pleasant conversation. He....I had put in a call to him last night the Congressmen were on the floor of the Congress and he called me back this morning and I said that apparently, and I had called him for the purpose of asking him to help us arrange for a meeting with the President. I said that in view of your comments as reported in the press, I don't feel that you and I have anything to say to each other. Congressman Martin, I have nothing whatsoever against him personally, but I quoted some of his comments to him and he didn't deny them and here is how the Lincoln Star quotes him. The action taken by the Nebraska Legislature is utterly ridiculous, Martin said. Of course he is entitled to his opinion, now in the next paragraph here is what he said. I want to illustrate what his opinion is worth on this issue. He said that Martin said that the idea of sending the entire membership to the of the State Legislature to Washington was purely partisan. And, would not accomplish anything. On the telephone I reminded that....I reminded him that the vote to go to Washington was 39 affirmative votes. I said to him on the telephone I said that you say this is a partisan move, I said which party? He said the Democratic party. Well I said for better or for worse, I'm the Speaker of the Legislature and I happen to be Republican. How does that grab you? Well he didn't know how it grabbed him. Because it is quite obvious that he doesn't understand that this is a non-partisan legislature. This is....you don't run on a partisan ticket. Now, this illustrates the very point that we were trying to make. Unfortunately some of these people when... a...a...in Washington have been in Washington so darn long that they don't have any conception of what is going on out here. The whole point of my motion to start with was to have a conference with the President, and tell him what the people